

ABSTRACT

A building security system which allows clients of various companies located in an office building to set up their own appointments, allows employees of these companies to control and analyze scheduling of such appointment, and enables building security personnel to analyze and control the number of visitors to the building at any given time period. Visitors schedule their appointments by accessing a scheduling part of the system and providing the required information and a desired day and time of the appointment. The information is stored in employees' database segments. All information for a current day is gathered from employees' database segments and is combined and analyzed by the security personnel. A security guard has integrated information concerning the number of visitors expected for a particular day, the number of visitors already in the building, and the number of visitors who already visited the building on the selected day. Detailed information about visitors is also available. By clicking on a provided button, a guard records the fact of visitor's entering or leaving the building. Because, visitors' information is already stored on the system, the security guard may also print visitors passes with a single mouse click, when an authorized visitor enters the building. A security personnel with special access privileges (e.g., security manager) can request and receive a statistical report of building's visiting activity sorted by date, company, visitor and so on.